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Dear Messrs. Kruger and Peters:

Re: Completion of Inspection of 305B Facility.

On September 9, 2003, the Washington State Department of Ecology conducted an inspection of the 305B facility in the 300 Area of Hanford. No violations were revealed at the 305B facility; however, Ecology did note three concerns as follows:

- 1) Differences in job titles between training records and the unit specific training plan at the 305B facility made it unclear what training was required of personnel with various waste management duties.
- 2) The 305B training plan required that personnel responsible for designating waste need only an initial training in waste designation without annual refreshers. The personnel in the 305B facility responsible for designating waste had last completed designation training from seven to three years ago. Since waste designation is a fundamental Resource Conservation and Recovery Act requirement, personnel performing this important duty should receive an annual refresher in waste designation; however, this information may be included as a component of other required training (i.e. annual waste management training).
- 3) A number of empty drums stored in the old reactor room in the basement of the 305B facility may contain lead liners that could become a hazardous waste if the old containers were disposed of.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3031.

Sincerely,



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